## **CHAPTER NO. 11**

## **SENATE BILL NO. 347**

## By Ford, Dixon, Crowe, Harper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 552

By Armstrong, Lois DeBerry, Bowers, John DeBerry, Ferguson, Brenda Turner, McKee, Kernell, Ulysses Jones, Shepard, Overbey, Langster, Shaw, Tindell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, relative to licensure of physicians.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207(b), is amended by inserting the following language immediately after the third sentence of the subsection:

Applicants shall successfully complete the United States Medical Licensing Examination within seven (7) years of successfully completing Step 1 of the examination. However, the board is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations creating exceptions that will extend the seven (7) year time frame provided in this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: March 20, 2003** 

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2003

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